

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 441

By Ford J

A RESOLUTION to honor Lorean E. Jones on the occasion of her retirement as a probation officer with the United States District Court Western Division of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body recognize those who in their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones is one such outstanding person who has served with alacrity and acuity for 20 years with the United States District Court; and

WHEREAS, this dedicated public servant exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great Tennessean; she began her illustrious career in 1978 at the Memphis District Court, as a U.S. Probation Officer; and

WHEREAS, she was the first female probation officer to serve the Memphis United States District Court; and

WHEREAS, she proudly acknowledges the fact of being the first female Memphis United States District Court Probation Officer, however, she humbly sees herself as just another counselor trying to help others to return to the community; and

WHEREAS, in 1984, Mrs. Jones became a Drug Treatment Specialist; and

WHEREAS, she successfully "jumped" two hurdles in the 90s, first becoming the Supervising U.S. Probation Officer in 1990 and then in 1991 the Deputy Chief U.S. Probation and Parole Officer; and

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WHEREAS, her impressive academic background includes earning an A.A. in Social Science from Owens College, a B.A. in Sociology from LeMoyne-Owen College and an M.S. in General Counseling from Memphis State University; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones is an active and vital part of her community and profession, having generously served as the Secretary/ Treasurer of the Federal Probation Officers Association, and as a valued member of the American Probation and Parole Association, American Association for Counseling and Development, and International Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association; and

WHEREAS, among her most important roles is that of a caregiver; Mrs. Jones, despite all of her accomplishments, still found time to care for her four sets of twins; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones further expresses her love for her fellow man through her membership at the First Baptist Lauderdale Church;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lorean E. Jones's adroit qualities include the uncommon ability to motivate others to fully realize their potential, perhaps the most valuable of all skills; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we extend to Mrs. Lorean E. Jones our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.